

# Great Battle Continues Without Results Being Decisive

repulsed, and the Germans compelled to give way at certain points, but the German general staff claims the opposite.

It is certain, however, that the little country north of the Aisne offers good ground for such operations, and that these western wings of the two armies, the German right and the Allies' left, again are to bear a heavy part. Upon the armies of General von Kluck and General von Bielow depend the safety of the rest of the German army, should retreat be decided on or forced upon them. Besides holding the front, they have to be prepared to withstand another attempt on the part of the allies to outflank them.

These German forces hold a position from a point near Noyon on the Oise, along the district north of the Aisne, to the junction of the latter river with the Somme. Bended there are selenoid railway lines running in all directions, which facilitate the movement of troops from St. Quentin, Guise, and Mezieres to this region; therefore, they are well placed.

The allies, on the other hand, can, and it is believed they are bringing in new troops through Reims and Amiens to threaten the German flank. In fact, nearly the whole of Northwest France is open to them, the Germans having withdrawn most of their scattered troops eastward toward the Oise.

## KITCHENER DISMISSES "STIDE HAS TURNED"

Field Marshal Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, speaking today with full knowledge of the situation at the front, declared:

"The tide has turned." So that he, although telling the public that the war will be a long one, appears to be hopeful.

The little British army, that has fought so long and so hard, is looking forward to support from Indian troops, which soon should be at the side of the Englishmen, if not for the present battle, then for the one which must soon follow it, no matter how it goes.

The French troops in a valiant effort to hold on at Soissons—the Germans having rapidly advanced the arms and repaired the railways—being reinforced, and on the whole, both as to positions and strength of forces, the opposing armies appear evenly matched except for the advantage of the allies in having an army to threaten von Kluck's flank.

The situation along the rest of the line is not so clear. In the centre between the Rhine and Artois, the Germans continue to fortify themselves, while between Argonne and the Meuse, they are entrenching themselves at Montfaucon.

## PROGRESS MUST BE SLOW;

**WORLD FRENCH OFFICIALS**

French officials warn the public that

as the Germans occupy positions prepared for defense, and are supported by heavy artillery, progress must be slow.

The Germans are preparing for every

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. Henry C. Winston.**

Miss Maudie C. Winston, wife of Henry C. Winston, died yesterday morning at the Mayo Clinic, after a long illness, leaving two daughters, Miss Wilton Thelma Farber and Miss Glenna Louise Winston—three brothers—Mr. W. L. Winston, Mr. Arthur Saunders and C. Herbert Saunders, and two sisters—Mrs. Alice C. Pratt, Miss Eva C. Saunders and Mrs. George E. Andrews.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Laurel Street Methodist Church. Interment will be made in Riverview Cemetery.

**Captain George R. Minor.**

Captain George R. Minor, eighty-six years old, died yesterday at his home in Mechanicsville, Va. He leaves four children—Mrs. F. C. Webb, Mrs. of Salem, Va.; Mrs. Elmer, Mrs. J. H. Minor and Percy G. Minor, all of this city.

The funeral will take place from the residence this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

**Mrs. J. J. Taylor.**

Special to The Times-Dispatch.—LAWNDALE, N.C., September 17.—Kate Lee, widow of J. J. Taylor, a prominent merchant and oldest daughter of Sheriff S. W. Lee, died of a heart attack at her home in Main Street at 1 o'clock this morning in the fortieth year of her age. She was survived by her father, Sheriff S. W. Lee, and her brother, J. Taylor, and two brothers, William, late president of roads, Princeton, N.J., and M. Lee, of Emporia, S. E. Lee, son of Frederick, late of Jones, and son of the First National Bank, North Carolina, and four sisters, Mrs. F. A. Lewis, Mrs. A. C. Shute and Abbie, Bertie and Julia Lee, all deceased, with the exception of the John St. John, the only child of which she has been a mother since her childhood. The interment will be in the family grave at Round Hill Cemetery.

**Funeral at Evansville.**

Special to The Times-Dispatch.—EVANSVILLE, IND.—September 17.—Franklin services for Ray Hattie Davis Jones, both of whom were killed in a motor accident on the road between Bishop Joseph Francis, of the Indiana Diocese, en route to the annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Jones was a member of the Evangelical Church, and other most distinguished members of the Knights. Mrs. Jones was related to the Hayes, Blairs and Meaders of Richmond, and the son of John Stephen Williams, now deceased.

**Mrs. Katherine Edmonds.**

Special to The Times-Dispatch.—LYNCHBURG, VA., September 17.—Mrs. Katherine Edmonds, widow of George H. Edmonds, died last night at 12:30 P. M. She had been visiting relatives. Her son, who was a tall, robust athlete about ten days ago and to her advanced years, Mrs. Edmonds would have been ninety-one years of age had she lived another month.

Mrs. Edmonds is survived by three sons, Philip, Edmund of Lynchburg, L. L. and George, and a daughter, Mrs. George H. Edmonds, who was a member of the Methodist Church. Her body will be brought to Lynchburg, where arrangements have been made for her interment.

**Mrs. Linda B. Bailey.**

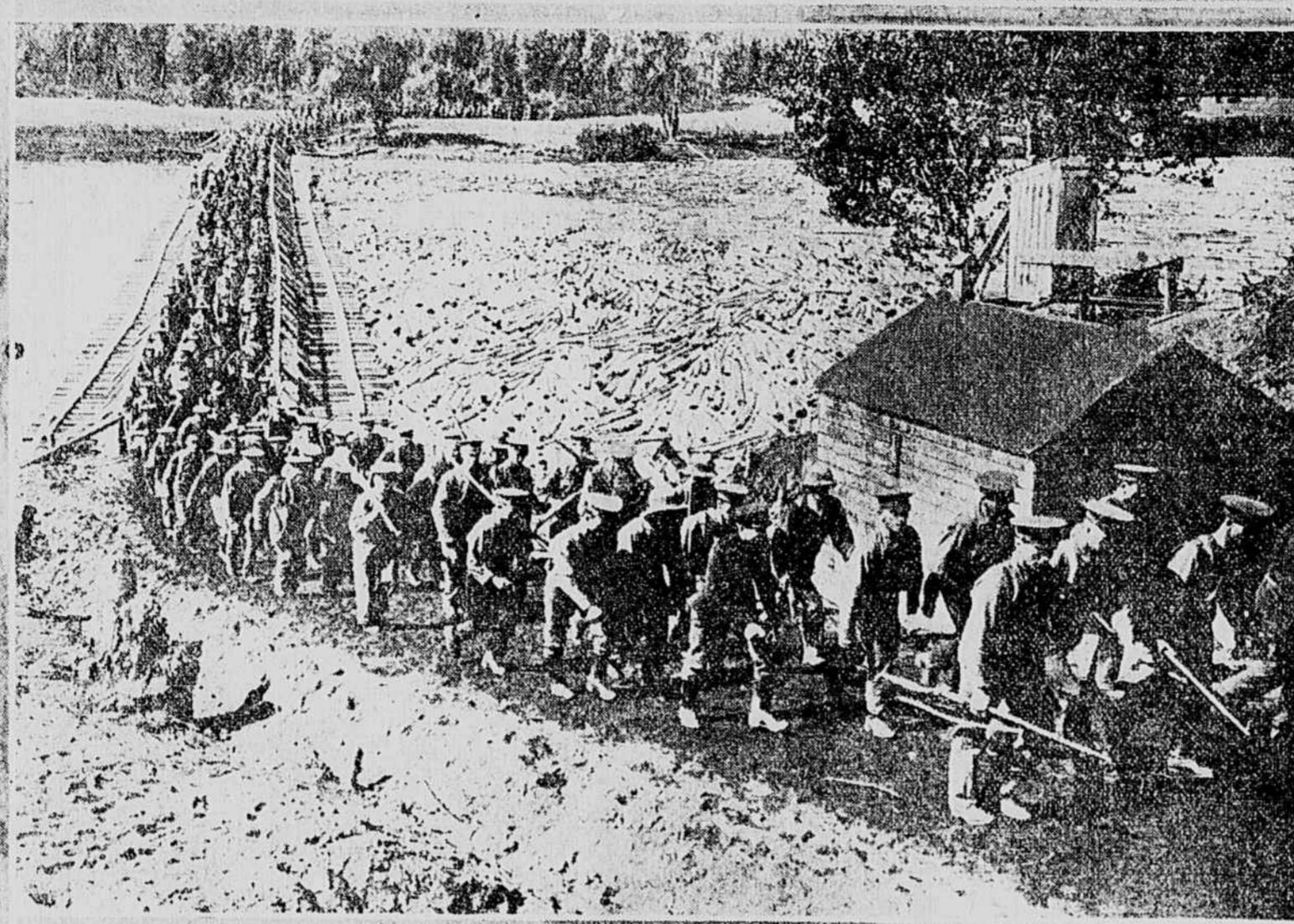
Special to The Times-Dispatch.—CLARKSBURG, W. Va., September 17.—Mrs. Linda B. Bailey, aged twenty-seven, wife of C. Price Bailey, died last night at a local hospital, following an operation. She was a member of the First Methodist Church, a friend of the city, with many friends, especially her husband, and two sons and three daughters. The funeral will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock in the First Methodist Church.

**Rex Philip G. Thompson.**

Special to The Times-Dispatch.—WINCHESTER, VA., September 17.—Rex Philip G. Thompson, son of W. M. Edwards, a young man who had been visiting relatives, died yesterday morning at 12:30 A. M. He belonged to a company of the 10th Virginia Cavalry, and was for many years a resident of Leesburg, Va., in that county, having married a girl, the daughter of his father, and two sons and three daughters. The funeral will be held Saturday at 1 o'clock in the First Methodist Church.

**Mrs. Kate Thomas Zollinger.**

Special to The Times-Dispatch.—ZOLLINGER, Va., September 17.—Mrs. D. B. Zollinger died at her home here this evening after a brief illness. She was the only daughter of the late Captain Edward J. Thomas, of Northam County, and was well known in Richmond and Petersburg. She believed in education, nine children and grandchildren.



CANADIAN TROOPS CROSSING PONTOON BRIDGE NEAR VALCARTIER CAMP

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eventually and are maintaining a force superior to that of the Belgian army in Belgium to cover the retirement of the German army should that become necessary. They are reported to be strengthening fortifications on the River Aisne, where necessary, they could continue a long stand.

All reports both from Petrograd and such independent sources as Rome and Bucharest tend to confirm, or paint in gloomy colors, the critical position of the Austrian armies in Galicia.

These armies which set out to arrest the advance of the main Russian army in Germany have had the tables turned on them by the Russian generals. Buzsky and Brusilov, and are threatened with encirclement. Having abandoned Lemberg, they are retreating through Przemysl and are retreating to Cracow.

It is said by Russian correspondents that the Austrians have lost all discipline, the aim of the men being to get across the Carpathians. If this is true, their commanders are likely to have difficulty in leading them over 200 miles to Cracow, where they might be stopped from the newly-formed German corps which has assembled there. Besides, they are in danger from the Russian army coming from the north.

## ALL AVAILABLE MEN BEING CALLED TO SERVICE

Austria is calling to the colors all available men for military service, including those who have recently quit the army, and those who have not been called up. But this hardly can help the army in Galicia, which, according to Russian reports, has suffered terrible losses.

From Prussia, nothing new has come today, except a report that the Russian General Remenckampf has started his attempt to outflank him, and that he has taken up positions in the south of the former, and both of the latter had been demolished.

## LONG RANGE ARTILLERY

Working from the information given by our Third Army Corps, gained some high ground south of the Aisne, overlooking the Aisne Valley, east of the Soissons. Here a long-range artillery duel between our guns and those of the French on one side and the enemy's on the other, has continued during the greater part of the day, and did not cease until nearly midnight. The enemy had many heavy howitzers in well-concealed positions.

The movement of this army corps was effected in co-operation with the army on our left, which gained the southern half of the town during the night.

The Second Army Corps did not cross the Aisne. The First Army Corps, on the River Vesle, south of the Aisne after the crossing had been secured by the First Cavalry division, if then reached a line south of Aisne, practically without fighting.

On Sunday night, after a fierce fight met with considerable opposition from infantry and machine guns holding the town and guarding the bridge. With the aid of some of our infantry, it gained possession of the town about midday, driving the enemy north. Some hundred prisoners were captured at Brasles, where the Germans had thrown up a large amount of field gun ammunition into the town where it was visible under two feet of water.

On Monday morning, after a fierce fight, the French reached the line of the River Vesle. On this day began an action along the Aisne which is not yet finished, and which is mainly of a rear guard nature on a large scale, or may be the commencement of the battle of a more serious nature.

It rained heavily all day, and through the night, which severely hampered operations.

On Sunday, the 13th, extremely strong resistance was encountered the whole of our front, some fifteen miles, length of front, and consisted for the most part of long range gun fire, that of the Germans being to a great extent from their heavy howitzers, which were firing from every available concealed position. Some of the actual crossings of the Aisne are guarded by strong detachments of infantry with machine guns.

On Monday morning, all three corps were across the river, the cavalry returning to the south side. By this night of early next morning, three pontoon bridges had been built, and our troops also managed to get across the river.

Funeral notice later.

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Paris on the progress of the fighting northeast of the capital shows that the great battle is continuing with no decisive results.

The resistance of the Germans has not been broken, although at certain points they are described as giving back slightly. At other points they continue to fortify themselves.

The French have repulsed some of their counter-attacks.

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"First, on our left wing the resistance of the enemy on the heights to the north of the River Aisne has continued, in spite of the fact that the enemy gave back slightly at certain points.

"Second, on the centre, between Berry-au-Bac, on the River Aisne, and the Argonne, the situation shows no change. The enemy continues to fortify himself along the line previously indicated. Between the Argonne and the Meuse, the Germans are entrenching themselves in the vicinity of Montreuil. The Woerwic district we have had some contact with several detachments of the enemy between Etaples and Thioncourt.

"Third, on our right wing, in Lorraine and the Vosges, there has been no change."

Summing up, the battle is being waged all along the entire front between the River Oise and the River Meuse. The Germans occupy positions of great defense and armed with heavy artillery.

"Our progress is of necessity slow, but our troops are animated by a spirit of offensive action, and they are giving evidence of vigor and enthusiasm. They have repulsed with success the counter-attacks undertaken by the enemy, both during the day and at night. The morale of the French soldiers is excellent.

"In Belgium there has been a continuation of skirmishes which has been a feature of the war since the Germans advanced into France, with advances and withdrawals as daily occurrences. For example, the Germans yesterday recaptured Tournai, only to leave it today.

Besides the Eastern portion of the country, the Germans head the line at Montcornet, in the department of Hainaut, thus preventing the Belgians from going far in their harrying tactics on the German troops proceeding to France. Thus far, however, the Belgian army has fulfilled its part by going to the assistance of the army on the Aisne.

In Italy agitation for the participation of the country in the war seems to be on the increase. Italy's position is as one of armed neutrality, to prevent the war from causing her damage and to shape the new situation in conformity with her interests.

Rumania is in much the same position. She does not want to go to war, but at the same time does not want to lose any share of the spoils that might fall to her.

## ARMIES IN CO-OPERATION TO DRIVE BACK GERMAN

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intrenched line on the hills to the north of eight road bridges and two railway bridges crossing the Aisne, within our section of the front. Seven of the former and both of the latter had been demolished.

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